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The government is increasingly becoming deaf and blind to the public outery for trimming the jumbo cabinet of 110+ ministers and advisors.

On July 31, 2006, the UN Security Council passed a resolution demanding Iran to suspend its nuclear enrichment programme followed by a further resolution calling for tighter sanctions. But Iran remained steadfast and undaunted by the demands. The diplomacy of the E3+3 UK, France, Germany and US. Russia and China) has not yet been able to work out a diplomatic solution to the crisis. One school of thought argued that Iran was simply hidding time to carve out an economic package from the West in a bid to organise the crippling domestic economy

Secret plan

But protracted negotiations. despite having offered incentive coast packages for Iran, seem to indicate

games and is in the process of up-vent Iran's leaders getting the bomb. grading its armed forces. The US has

Mahmoud Ahmedinejad

The situation reached a new dithat Iran is in fact on a secret path mension when Ex-Deputy Chief of to dominate the region and wield- MOSSAD. Shabtai Shavit, an influing a nuclear device in the future ential adviser to the Israeli Mossad. would further strengthen the im- Parliament's Defence and Foreign age of Iran and probably threaten Affairs Committee, told The London the other Arab countries in the re- Telegraph that Iran is only one year away from acquiring nuclear capabil-Iran has conducted massive war ity and time was running out to pre-

However, one British Foreign Offacilities in Saudi Arabia. Bahrain, fice report indicated that "although Qatar provides the headquarters for prevent Iran from developing a nuclear the US Central Command which is weapon, if that is its intention, there

that it could establish a "breakout" nuclear weapons capability by 2015." This statement is in contrast to the statement by the Ex Deputy Chief of

If any future US government comes under pressure to withdraw US forces from Iraq, Israel would have a tactical setback and perhaps the underlying rational of Mossad's Ex-Chief maybe that if Israel waits longer for action, the more difficult it would Kuwan, Qatar, UAE and Oman, technological constraints are likely to unpredictable political and strategic balance by then.

and Iraq, and takes tough actic....... its security is threatened. Israel even attacked a US spy ship during the Arab to believe that Israel would sit idle when Iran is secretly developing a nuclear device with capability to deliver it to Israel.

to cut down wastage and

extravagance in public

Utterances

Israel's determination to attack Iran allies such as the US, UK and Europe is bolstered by the inflammatory ut- and have allied with Iran. terances made by the Iranian President Ahmedinejad that Israel must be tion is undoubtedly more in favour wiped out from the world map. In ad- of the US. Iraq is under US military only few minutes from the Iranian 15 nevertheless a strong possibility military strikes in Uganda. Tunisia aid to terrorist organisations in Lebadition to that Iran is said to have pro-Israel has demonstrated daring vided logistical, moral and military Asian republics (Kazakhstan,

Iranian diplomats have also been Israel Six Day War. It would be naive Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires Arimplicated in the bomb attack on the gentina. A clear manifestation of a regime in support of terrorism world wide. Ironically Sri Lanka is fighting the world's most ruthless terrorist group but have isolated traditional

> On the ground the military situa-Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan.

Uzbekistan etc.) have se tary alliances with the U.

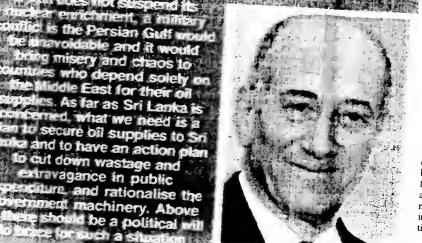
Afghanistan and Powis military arrangements purely for the war on ter military conflict in the Pers would require the US to fi Iran's ability to retalia would entail taking out a missiles, missile sites, cc and control centres, and o gets of retaliatory military i ity.

US ships in the Persia would be at grave risk as I acquired Chinese made Sil anti ship missiles. Even strikes back at US military ii tions, it would inevitably le US to target oil installatio thwart shipping in the Persia

Unilateral action What would happen if Isr sorts to unilateral action a Iran? Would the US provide passage for Israeli attack airc cross the skies of Jordan. Saud bia and Iraq? Would it take ferent form? Israel is said to acquired some German cu made submarines and some re indicate that it can deliver nu tipped missiles.

US and Israel have a numb strategic and military alliance place and the US has put Israe der a missile defence shield. If does not suspend its nuclear enment, a military conflict is the sian Gulf would be unavoid. and it would bring misery chaos to countries who dep solely on the Middle East for ta oil supplies.

As far as Sri Lanka is co cerned, what we need is a plan secure oil supplies to Sri Lar and to have an action plan to down wastage and extravagar in public expenditure, and rat nalise the government machine Above all there should be a poli cal will to brace for such a situ



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